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For: MIXING DIVERSELY ENCODED
DATA STREAMS

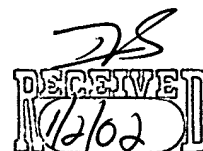
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Sir:

Please amend the application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- F1
1. (Fourth Amendment) A method to combine diversely encoded audio data streams, comprising:
3. receiving a first audio data stream in a first perceptually based format;
4. decoding the first audio data stream into a linear pulse code modulated format;
5. obtaining a second audio data stream in a linear pulse code modulated format; and
6. combining the decoded first audio data stream with the second audio data stream,
7. utilizing in part a linear pulse code modulated mixer, for receipt by a CODEC.

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12. (Thrice Amended) A program storage device, readable by a programmable control device, comprising:
3. instructions stored on the program storage device for causing the programmable
4. control device to
5. receive a first audio data stream in a first perceptually based format;

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